

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus for recording a duplicate of a product onto a recording medium, the product being a copyrighted digital product having a copy attribute embedded as a watermark thereon, comprising:

an acquiring unit operable to acquire the copy attribute embedded on the product;

a changing unit operable to change the acquired copy attribute into a copy attribute showing no more copy when the acquired copy attribute shows one generation copy;

a reading unit operable to read from the recording medium at least a part of medium ID information recorded on the recording medium in an unalterable state; and

a recording unit operable to record onto the recording medium the duplicate that has both the copy attribute showing no more copy and the read part of medium ID information embedded as a watermark thereon,

wherein the read part of medium ID information is embedded as part of the watermark if the copy attribute is changed from one generation copy to no more copy.

2. (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus of claim 1, wherein the recording medium is an optical disc and the part of medium ID information read by the reading unit is information recorded on a burst cutting area of the optical disc.

3. (Original) The recording apparatus of claim 2, wherein the information recorded on the burst cutting area of the optical disc is a lot number assigned during a manufacture of the optical disc.

4. (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a storing unit operable to store one of (a) an area code of the recording apparatus, (b) an area code of a package media that recorded the product, and (c) an area code of a provider that supplied the product, wherein

the stored area code is embedded, together with both the copy attribute and the part of medium ID information, as a watermark on the duplicate.

5. (Previously Presented) The recording apparatus of claim 1, further comprising:
a generating unit operable to generate reproduction quality information showing restrictions relating to a reproduction quality of the duplicate, wherein
the generated reproduction quality information is embedded, together with both the copy attribute and the part of medium ID information, as a watermark on the duplicate.

6-17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium embodying a program for instructing a computer to record a duplicate of a product onto a recording medium, the product

being a copyrighted digital product having a copy attribute embedded as a watermark thereon,
and the program instructing the computer to perform a method comprising:

acquiring the copy attribute embedded on the product;

changing the acquired copy attribute into a copy attribute showing no more copy when the
acquired copy attribute shows one generation copy;

reading from the recording medium at least a part of medium ID information recorded on
the recording medium in an unalterable state; and

recording onto the recording medium the duplicate that has both the copy attribute
showing no more copy and the read part of medium ID information embedded as a watermark
thereon,

wherein the read part of medium ID information is embedded as part of the watermark if
the copy attribute is changed from one generation copy to no more copy.

19. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 18, wherein the
recording medium is an optical disc, and the part of medium ID information read during said
reading is information recorded on a burst cutting area of the optical disc.

20. (Original) The computer-readable medium of claim 19, wherein the information
recorded on the burst cutting area of the optical disc is a lot number assigned during a
manufacture of the optical disc.

21. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 18, the computer comprising:

a storing unit operable to store one of (a) an area code of the recording apparatus, (b) an area code of a package media that recorded the product, and (c) an area code of a provider that supplied the product, wherein

the stored area code is embedded, together with both the copy attribute and the part of medium ID information, as a watermark on the duplicate.

22. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 19, the program further instructing the computer to perform a method comprising:

generating reproduction quality information showing restrictions relating to a reproduction quality of the duplicate, wherein

the generated reproduction quality information is embedded, together with both the copy attribute and the part of medium ID information, as a watermark on the duplicate.

23-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A recording method for recording a duplicate of a product onto a recording medium, the product being a copyrighted digital product having a copy attribute embedded as a watermark thereon, the method comprising:

acquiring the copy attribute embedded on the product;

changing the acquired copy attribute into a copy attribute showing no more copy when the acquired copy attribute shows one generation copy;

reading from the recording medium at least a part of medium ID information recorded on the recording medium in an unalterable state; and

recording onto the recording medium the duplicate that has both the copy attribute showing no more copy and the read part of medium ID information embedded as a watermark thereon,

wherein the read part of medium ID information is embedded as part of the watermark if the copy attribute is changed from one generation copy to no more copy.

28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently Amended) A recording apparatus for recording a duplicate of a product onto a recording medium, the product being a copyrighted digital product having a copy attribute attached thereon, comprising:

an acquiring unit operable to acquire the copy attribute embedded on the product;

a changing unit operable to change the acquired copy attribute into a copy attribute showing no more copy when the acquired copy attribute shows one generation copy;

a reading unit operable to read from the recording medium at least a part of medium ID information recorded on the recording medium in an unalterable state; and

a recording unit operable to record onto the recording medium the duplicate that has both the copy attribute showing no more copy and the read part of medium ID information embedded as a watermark thereon,

wherein the read part of medium ID information is embedded as part of the watermark if the copy attribute is changed from one generation copy to no more copy.

30. (Canceled)